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Photo by Senior Airman Lester Alexander

Staying afloat...

Maj. James Henderson, 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, practices his water survival skills at Lake Mead during pilot water survival training which is a two-year aircrew training requirement. See the related feature story on Page 8.

USAFE CC discusses Kosovo

By Senior Airman Monica J. Munro
AWFC Public Affairs

While attending the USAF Weapons School 50th anniversary June 17, Gen. John Jumper, U.S. Air Force Europe commander, took time out of his busy schedule to answer questions about the Kosovo campaign and the role the Air Warfare Center played in it.

Q. What went into the planning of the Kosovo campaign?

A. Almost the entire USAFE HQ (U.S. Air Forces in Europe Headquarters) was involved with the initial planning, and we worked together with 16th Air Force to put together an air campaign plan.

This plan went through several iterations for approximately a year before it was executed. From May 24, 1998 through the entire campaign, there wasn't anyone in

USAFE HQ or 16th Air Force who had more than a few days off. We used a lot of TDY help as well.

Q. How did the lessons learned from the Gulf War play a part in the Kosovo campaign?

A. The lessons we learned from the Gulf War about precision and stealth were certainly well-used in this campaign.

During this campaign, we learned additional lessons having to do with being in a coalition of 19 nations requiring a political consensus to be able to conduct certain aspects of an air campaign—especially the sensitivities that apply to affecting people's lives like electrical power and fuel.

These things are something that are a great concern to many coalition nations, and in this case, it certainly had an effect on the planning.

Q. With the success of air power today, what role do you see the Air Force playing in the future with the expanded capability of satellite communication?

A. Air power certainly did its role in this conflict, and as it turned out in this particular conflict air power was given the lion's share of the load. We have to remember, though, that air power was not just the U.S. Air Force, it was 11 other countries, with our partners in the Navy and the Marine Corps that brought precision guided munitions to the fight. Everyone participated in the victory.

There were many things different in this particular war than in Desert Storm and, in the future, we just have to be ready with the right people and the right equipment to

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Nellis welcomes 53d TEG, new commander

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The 53d Test and Evaluation Group recently moved here from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and with it came a new commander, Col. Joseph Reynes, Jr. A change of command was held June 17th to mark the event and bid farewell to the former commander, Col. Gregory J. Ihde, who moved on to an assignment with United States Air Force in Europe.

The 53d TEG consists of eight squadrons, six detachments and seven operating locations and flies every combat aircraft in Air Combat Command.

Col. Reynes believes the group is critical to the Air Force because it "tests the man, the weapon and the aircraft - a total package." The group is responsible for operational testing, tactics development, weapons evaluations and real world/real time weapons systems evaluation and exploitations.

One of its squadrons is also located at Nellis, the 422d Test and Evaluation Squadron.

To Col. Reynes, leadership is just as important as this diverse mission - leadership is a 24-hour endeavor of leading by example.

"Leadership is not about easy choices or politically correct deci-



Photo by Airman Mark Kuhta

Col. Joseph Reynes, 53d Test and Evaluation Group, is briefed by Airman Ryan Koepfel, 57th Aircraft Generation Squadron dedicated crew chief, before his flight.

sions. It's about taking care of people and motivating them to do the right thing, not because they have to, but because they want to."

Col. Reynes' philosophy on leadership was probably most influenced by his mentor, his father, who

was a fighter pilot with three combat tours in Vietnam flying the A-1, F-100 and F-105G. "I admire several warriors I have met in my life. For example, Gen. Hal Comstock, a WWII Ace; and Brig. Gen. L.D. Johnson, my wing commander

while I commanded the 35th Fighter Squadron at Kunsan Air Base, Korea. Also, Gen. Jim Jones, the new commandant of the Marine Corps," he says. "These soldiers and airmen all had discipline, integrity and courage - they lead by example and their word was their bond."

"These are interesting times - challenging times - in our history," Col. Reynes said. "Who could have predicted Kosovo three years ago? But while these times are challenging, they also provide us a unique opportunity to shape the future for our Air Force."

His love of flying was probably a deciding factor in going to the U.S. Air Force Academy and staying in the Air Force. Col. Reynes said, "I love being a part of the whole team that puts a bomb on target, from the maintainer, to the weapons loader, to the pilot and the whole base support team. It's a synergistic effort that provides air superiority for our nation."

Before arriving at Nellis, Col. Reynes worked for Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen as a military assistant, and then he served as the executive secretary of the Department of Defense.

According to Col. Reynes, he is blessed to be married to his best friend, the former Karen Ann Moore, and they have three children: Marin, Joey and Katharine.



Photo by Senior Airman Demetria L. Gibson

Maj. Dale E. Rosenberg, 57th Component Repair Squadron commander, and Master Sgt. Jerry L. Pittmon, 57th CRS first sergeant, look over paperwork.

Meet the new 57th CRS commander

Name: Maj. Dale E. Rosenberg

Organization: 57th Component Repair Squadron

Date assumed command: June 25, 1999

Previous job/assignment: 57th Equipment Maintenance Squadron maintenance supervisor

Time in service: 15 years, 3 months

Commissioning source: four-year ROTC

Family: Wife, Linda

Hobbies: Flying, biking, amateur radio

Why is your unit important to the Air Force Mission?

We provide vital component repair to all aircraft assigned at Nellis Air Force Base. From engines to fuel cells, pneudraulics, egress and avionics we have direct impact on the ability of Nellis aircraft to meet the mission.

Your command philosophy:

Mission accomplishment. In order for that to happen you must have the right people in the right position and they must be properly taken care of. Lead by example

What are your goals for new position? To improve maintenance productivity and at the same time increase quality of life.

Tedesco takes reins of 99th SPTG

By Staff Sgt. Ed Scott
AWFC Public Affairs

The 99th Support Group held a change of command ceremony Tuesday with Col. Richard J. Tedesco accepting command. Col. Steven Arrington, the former commander, accepted an assignment as the vice commander at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.

Col. Tedesco comes to Nellis from the 470th Air Base Squadron, Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany, where he was the deputy commander.

The 23-year veteran said support groups are the backbone of all operations across the Air Force.

"We can't fly without people — we take the family worries away and give them the tools they need to fly," Col. Tedesco said. "People accomplish the mission. My job is to make the troops' jobs easier — to keep them focused on the mission."

Being there for the people 24-hours-a-day, seven days-a-week, is one aspect of Col. Tedesco's command.

"We (99th SPTG) need to be the best we can be," he said. "We need to make sure we become a team with everyone around us as well as taking care of ourselves."

The 99th SPTG is responsible for base security, communications, civil engineering, personnel and support services support for Nellis that includes more than 2,500 buildings, 1,200 housing units and 580 miles of roads.

Col. Tedesco entered the Air Force in 1972 as an enlisted member and obtained his bachelor's degree and commission through the Airman's Scholarship and Commissioning Program. His commissioned service date began in 1978 through the Air Force Reserve Of-



Photo by Senior Airman Demetria L. Gibson

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Col. Richard J. Tedesco

Airman battles raging water -- saves a life



Senior Airman Joseph P. Callahan received his Airman's Medal in a surprise ceremony Friday morning before leaving work.

Photo by Senior Airman Demetria L. Gibson

By Staff Sgt. Ed Scott
AWFC Public Affairs

A 99th Security Forces airman received an Airman's Medal Friday for entering a flood control canal to rescue an individual during a storm Aug. 14.

Senior Airman Joseph P. Callahan was on installation law enforcement patrol when he responded to a report of a juvenile caught in a flood control canal near the perimeter fence.

Tying himself to a vehicle tow-rope, Senior Airman Callahan entered the rain-swollen canal to search for the individual.

"At this point, all I could think about was there was a little child in there, and I needed to get him out," he said. "A lot of debris had washed into the storm grates and it took a while to search through it all."

Not being able to locate the individual, he searched farther down the canal.

Staff Sgt. Neal Aldridge, another patrolman, also responded to the call. Having gotten his truck stuck in the mud, Staff Sgt.

Aldridge manned the radio and kept a spotlight on Senior Airman Callahan, who had to remove his equipment to search in the water.

"Since the Bronco was stuck, I ran about 300 yards down one side of the canal looking for the individual," Senior Airman Callahan said. "I spotted him skipping along the other side of the canal — but he wasn't a child — he weighed about 250 pounds."

Since the truck was stuck, Senior Airman Callahan ran back up the canal to the bridge and retraced the 300 yards on the side of the canal he had spotted the man on. Locating him, Senior Airman Callahan entered the water without the aid of a safety rope, approximately 300 yards south of the Tyndall Gate.

"It was a big adrenaline rush," he said. "After all this, there was no way this guy was going to get away from me."

"Initially, I wanted to get him up and out of the canal, but when I grabbed him it was all I could do to get him out of the water."

Pulling the man to the canal's edge, the patrolman began self-aid

and buddy care procedures to the man's multiple injuries which included a compound fracture to the right forearm, multiple lacerations, a broken foot and suspected concussion.

Senior Airman Callahan said this information was relayed to Staff Sgt. Aldridge who radioed the information to the emergency crews.

"I yelled information to Sergeant Aldridge," he said. "If he hadn't been there, I don't know how long I would have been down there with the man. After fighting the water, running back and forth, I didn't have the strength to pull this guy out of the canal — all I could think was 'I hope this water doesn't get any higher.'"

Senior Airman Callahan saw the man in the emergency room while being treated for lacerations he received from debris while searching the canal.

"I asked him if he had a girlfriend and what he did," he said. "I just wanted to know he was alive — he was pretty beat up."

"He told me had a girlfriend, but I never did find out what he did."

Jumper

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deal with the situations we encounter.

Q. What are our lessons learned from Kosovo, and why is the Air Warfare Center important to the campaign?

A. There are certainly some obvious lessons. We got a great performance from our bombers: the B-2s, B-52s and B-1s, and the usual great performances out of our F-15, F-15E and F-16 communities. Our A-10s made a big difference in the ground situation in Kosovo.

I could go on and on about the different kinds of weapons that played such an important part, but there is nothing that makes a difference in U.S. air power like the people who fly the airplanes, maintain the airplanes, load the ammunition and do those things that get great airmen and great airplanes into the air.

It is leadership by the people

who were trained at Nellis—the patch-wearers, the weapons school graduates, who are respected, not only for their airmanship but also for their abilities to plan and execute air power across the spectrum, from fighters and bombers to intel and space.

It is the people who have been through Nellis who are called and relied upon by the leadership and respected by other nations.

There is no way to explain to the people who wear the patch how important the power of the training becomes over the years, and it comes to life for senior guys like me in times of conflict when our performance is so much more spectacular than the performance of our closest, nearest competitors. I said it before, and I will say it again—our equipment is great, but if we had their equipment and they had ours, we still would have won because of the people.

Meet the new 99th MSS commander

Name: Lt. Col. Albert Hill, Jr.

Organization: 99th Mission Support Squadron

Date assumed command: June 29, 1999

Previous job/assignment: Director Mission Support, Air Force Personnel Center

Time in service: 22 years
Commissioning source: ROTC, Southwest Texas State University

Family: Wife, Marcia and son, Alex

Hobbies: Working out and spending time with the family.

Why is your unit important to the Air Force mission? It is the linch pin that holds the mission together.

What is your command philosophy? Support + Service = Satisfaction.

What are your goals for your



Photo by Senior Airman Demetria L. Gibson

Lt. Col. Albert Hill, Jr., 99th Mission Support Squadron looks over paperwork with Belinda Joseph, his secretary.

new position? First, to take care of assigned people and their family members, and second, to make

sure members of the 99th MSS have the tools they need to succeed.